

# NEWSLETTER

Our Value for this half term is



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Welcome

Well, we've made it! The last day of half term is here, and what a busy few weeks it has been. From exciting learning experiences to moments of real growth, the energy and zest across the school have been incredible.

This week, we kicked things off by exploring ways to stay safe online for Safer Internet Day and wrapped it up with our Zest Values Day, spreading the love in the spirit of Valentine's Day!

Looking ahead, next half-term is full of school events. Please check the Dates for the Diary document attached and keep an eye on the Save the Date section of the newsletter each week.

Please find attached the parent and carer views questionnaire, it would be lovely to get as much feedback as possible to celebrate, grow and develop our fantastic school.



# Values—Zest

Today has been our Zest value day, where we've all been getting involved in zestful activities both inside school and out!

Congratulations to our zest ambassadors, who were presented with their awards in assembly this afternoon:

YN Toby C

YR Billy E and Rudy H

Y1 Oscar and Ted G

Y2 Krishna J-P and Grace A

Y3 Jacob F and Ivy J

Y4 Harvey W and Zachary L

Y5 Luna P and Ellie T

Y6 Harley W and Freddie B

Here is a reminder of our zest value story:

We sparkle with energy, eager to start the day. Pausing to admire a new display, we feel a swell of pride for the vibrant tapestry of learning woven by our school community. Each stroke of colour represents not just knowledge, but the joy of discovery and the bonds forged in exploration.



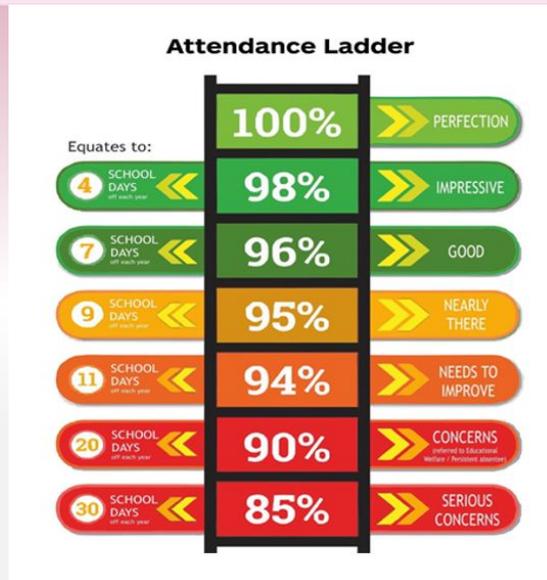
# Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.5%.

Congratulations to the Attendance Cup winners: shared between 3FT, with 99.3% - just 2 marks missing!  
Silver: 3KG & 5SS with 99% - 3 marks missing  
Bronze: 4LC with 97.2% - 8 marks missing

**Spring Term 1 Hall of Fame Classes are:**  
1st 3FT 97.9%, 2nd 5SS 97.7%, 3rd 4LC 97.6%

Well done everyone!



# Save the date!



- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Spring Term 2 Starts
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - School Disco after school
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 3 Trip to Think Tank
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Pancake day special menu - order in normal way
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Book fair
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day/Special Menu - order in normal way
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March - TED - School Closed to children
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Year 1 Reading café - 9.15am
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Residential trip
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Open classroom Year R - Year 6 - 3:30-4:30pm
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - MAT Showcase Artrix Theatre
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Dare to be different day - Chocolate donations
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Online parents evening 4-7pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Friends Chocolate Tombola after School 3.15pm
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Alexandra Theatre Visit - Horrible Histories
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Respect value day and ambassador assembly
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - End of spring term 2
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April - School opens for start of Summer term



# Opal

One OPAL vision is that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high-quality play every day – with no exceptions.

If one child is not enjoying playtimes, then things still need improving.

This week in OPAL, the children have been thoroughly enjoying using our large loose parts to create their own obstacle courses. Using jumps and turns to get across the course, the children were able to put a fun twist on exercise!

This week in OPAL the children have thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of activities, such as obstacle courses, relay races, digging and gardening, making ball runs and scooter races/challenges.

Year 1 child says, "the obstacle courses are the most fun ever".

Year 6 child says, "the scooters are my favourite because I've learned how to be more confident riding and when trying new tricks".

After the half-term break, we are looking at developing our digging and gardening activities in OPAL by looking at planting and potion making. If you have any donations of gardening tools, gloves, wellies or even seeds we would truly appreciate it.

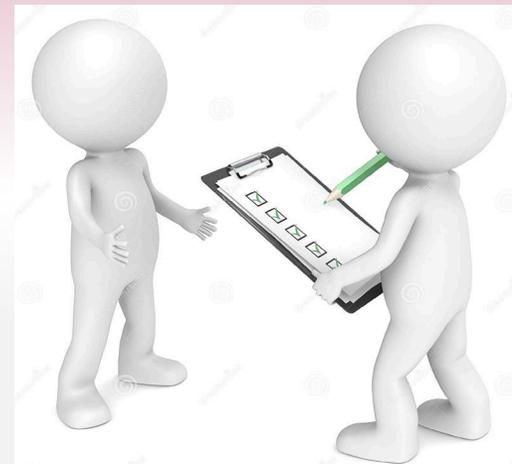


## Year 5 Geography Visit

We were so impressed with how the Year 5 pupils stepped out of their comfort zone to speak to members of the public this week.

As part of our geography learning, we walked to the Kingfisher Shopping Centre to conduct a survey of leisure facilities in Redditch. To do this, the children planned their route using an OS map, identified risks and considered their precautions to prepare, then finally, they surveyed members of the public and recorded their findings.

We received many positive comments from the public about how well-mannered and polite the children were. Well done Year 5, what a credit to the school you were!



# Mental Health Awareness Week

During Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, the children participated in a range of activities about mental health and the importance of looking after ourselves as part of their PSHE lessons.

Webheath Academy came together to celebrate the importance of mental health by undertaking a whole school art project. Each class designed and created their own wall hanging based on the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'.

As you can see, we have some very good artists! The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own designs and all of the artwork will shortly be on display in our school hall.

Many thanks to The Friends Association for kindly funding the resources needed to complete this project.



Children's Mental  
Health Week 2025

## Safer Internet Day

A huge thank you and well done to all children!

On Tuesday 11th February, we all took part in safer internet day. This annual event is a great way for us, as a school, to keep ourselves safe online. This year's focus was all about being 'Scam aware'.

The children have carried out a range of activities including; drama, role play, quizzes and even some podcasts!

With the capabilities of AI and of Computing and technology in general, it is vital that all children know how to avoid scams and know how to stay safe online.

Parents and carers; the link below provides some guidance regarding ways to help keep the children safe online and avoid scams.

[Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

## Lost Property items

Please have a look at the photo to see if any of these items belong to your child. These items have been handed in to the school office and we have had them for some time. Please collect before Friday 28th February, after which we will donate them.



## School Disco

The Friends Association are looking forward to the school disco after half term, on Wednesday 26th February (see attached details).

If your child wishes to attend, please send £3.00 in an envelope with the following information clearly marked to enable tickets to be issued:

- Child's full name
- Class

This will need to be returned to the class teacher or the office.

Please be aware that mobile phones are not permitted at the disco.



## Friends Association Smarties Challenge

You will have received an email yesterday from Friends explaining the Smarties Challenge for over half term, your children will have come home with the Smarties Tubes today.



Thank you to everyone for your support this half term — now it's time for a well-earned break! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Heffernan